

of Colored People. Marshall firmly believed that only through racial integration could equality of opportunity be achieved for blacks and whites in our society. Throughout his life Thurgood Marshall worked to abolish the legacy of slavery and eliminate the racist segregation system. His most famous successful legal case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, created historic precedent and stopped the separation of black and white children in public school. The victories of his Supreme Court cases led to enormous accomplishments for the American people in the areas of housing, education and voting.

In recognizing the 100th anniversary of Thurgood Marshall's birthday, we are not only honoring his life and superior accomplishments, but also continuing his noble mission. This great man's lifelong struggle to end racial bias and discrimination is highly meaningful and inspiring. Marshall fought for legal protection of children, women, elderly, homeless and prisoners. His role in ending legally sanctioned inequality and segregation which had created an American apartheid was of critical importance and deserves the Nation's recognition.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LOUDEN

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Louden, a lifelong rancher, historian, and community servant.

Richard Louden was born in Branson, Colorado, on September 2, 1920, to R.D. "Dick" and Zita Louden. He graduated from Branson High School and shortly after earned an associate of arts degree from Trinidad Jr. College. He then earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Colorado and the University of Missouri.

When his country became involved in World War II, Louden served in the U.S. Signal Corps and Air Force. After the war, he returned to the family ranch and married Grace Wakefield. The couple had one child, their son Mack.

Richard's interest in history and his love for the high mesas and extensive prairies of his native land led him to a continuing study of southeastern Colorado. His articles on ranching and agriculture were published in the *Arkansas Valley Journal*, the *Chronicle-News*, *Cattle Guard*, and *Colorado Magazine*. In the 1950s, Richard joined the Colorado Archaeological Society, and went on to become its president. He was fundamental to the establishment of the Louden-Henritze Archaeology Museum, which bears his name. He also served as president of the Trinidad Historical Society, and as a founding member of the A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art.

Mr. Louden was heavily involved in his son's school, and he served as president of the school board for 16 years. His knowledge and commitment to the community made him a respected figure on both the State and local level, resulting in his recognition with numerous honors by the organizations he served or impacted. These awards include the Colorado Board of Community Colleges Achievement and Service Award, the Chenoweth Award for

Community Service, the Honored Alumni Award at Trinidad St. Jr. College, Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, and the Colorado Community College and Occupational Educational Alumni Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the memory of Richard Louden, who led a life of service to his family, his community, and to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on July 8, 2008, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: Roll No. 471—"aye," Roll No. 472—"aye," Roll No. 473—"aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, July 8, 2008, due to my plane being delayed by over an hour and a half due to mechanical issues, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 3981, H.R. 1423, and H.R. 4199.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 471, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3981, the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 472, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1423, the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 473, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4199, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from voting on July 8, 2008. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 471, rollcall 472, and rollcall 473.

EDITORIAL HAILS CARICOM CONFERENCE A SUCCESS BUT LEADERS NEED TO FOLLOW-UP

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD an editorial by Tony

Best published on June 23, 2008 in the New York Carib News, entitled: "Caribbean Community Conference in New York Had Its Successes but Effective Follow-up Needed by CARICOM States and Their Leaders."

By all accounts, the Conference was a success. With the Caribbean leaders leaving New York having made powerful connections with the financial community and the New York Stock Exchange, one of the biggest successes was New York City Comptroller Bill Thompson's announcement that New York City pension funds will soon be investing in the region. There is also news of an expanded educational exchange and cooperative agreements between Medgar Evers College and the University of the West Indies.

Despite the high hopes that are a result of the conference, there is some skepticism that Caribbean leaders will hold up their end of the bargain. "One thing is certain: any success would depend on an efficient and well coordinated follow-up, something the region itself has failed to do on many occasions," says Tony Best, the New York Carib News editorial writer. Now that the conference is over, the ball lies in CARICOM's court and it is up to them to make sure that the relationships established during the meetings lead to tangible results in the Caribbean. I remain ready to do whatever I am able to facilitate the full flowering of the promising relationships that were established at the conference.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTY DEMARIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great achievement by Christy DeMaris, a Girl Scout from Huxley, Iowa. Christy convinced customers to buy extra boxes of Girl Scout cookies so she could send the boxes to our troops in Iraq.

As Christy sold Girl Scout cookies to her customers, she politely asked them if they would be willing to purchase extra boxes to be sent to troops in Iraq. She amassed 172 boxes to be sent to American troops. Christy's mother, Mandi, came up with the idea after hearing of a Boy Scout who sent popcorn to soldiers overseas. Christy was very excited about the idea because her father, John, works as a civilian computer systems administrator in Iraq, keeping the e-mail system working for American soldiers. So Christy put the plan into action and made it a success.

Christy DeMaris is a shining example of the generosity present in today's youth and their promise as tomorrow's leaders. I am proud to represent Christy and her parents John and Mandi in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Christy for her efforts to make brighter days for our American soldiers and I wish her and her family the best in their future endeavors.